

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re Application of:</i>)	
)	Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody
Nestor J. SANTI, ET AL.)	
)	Group Art Unit: 3679
Application No.: 10/700,484)	
)	Confirmation No.: 7754
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For: HIGH-STRENGTH SEALED)	July 16, 2007
CONNECTION FOR EXPANDABLE)	
TUBULARS)	

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Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In further response to the Final Office Action dated August 15, 2006, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendments in view of the associated remarks, as part of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination.